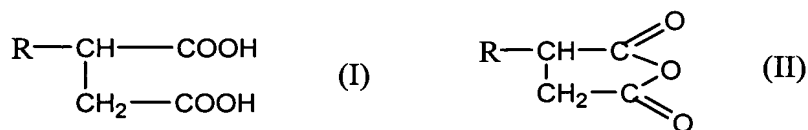


IN THE CLAIMS

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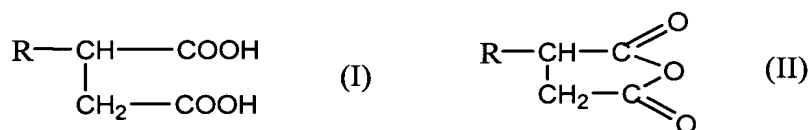
Claims 1-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A method of promoting acid-neutralization in a cylinder oil for engines of ships, wherein the cylinder oil comprises a lube base oil having a kinematic viscosity at 100°C of from 10 to 25 mm²/sec, and (a) at least one compound selected from the group consisting of overbased sulfonates and phenates of alkaline earth metals; wherein the component (a) has a total base number of from 100 to 600 mg-KOH/g, and the component (a) is present in an amount of from 10 to 40% by weight, based on the total weight of the cylinder oil; and wherein sulfur in said cylinder oil forms SO_x in exhaust gas from said engines, which SO_x reacts with water in said exhaust gas to form sulfuric acid, said method comprising adding to the cylinder oil, (b) an acid-neutralizing promoter in an amount of from 0.1 to 3% by weight, based on the total weight of the cylinder oil, which promoter comprises a succinimide component obtainable by reacting diethylene triamine having a resulting carbon/nitrogen weight ratio of 1.14 with a succinic acid compound of the following general formula (I) or (II) in a molar ratio to the polyamine of from 0.95 to 1.40:



wherein R represents an alkenyl or alkyl group derived from an olefinic polymer having a carbon number of from 2 to 15 and having a number-average molecular weight of from 700 to 2,300, and wherein the cylinder oil has a total base number of from 40 to 100 mg-KOH/g.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A method comprising lubricating a ship engine with a cylinder oil, wherein the cylinder oil comprises a lube base oil having a kinematic viscosity at 100°C of from 10 to 25 mm²/sec, (a) at least one compound selected from the group consisting of overbased sulfonates and phenates of alkaline earth metals, and (b) an acid-neutralizing promoter, and which cylinder oil has a total base number of from 40 to 100 mg-KOH/g; wherein the component (a) has a total base number of from 100 to 600 mg-KOH/g, and the component (a) is present in an amount of from 10 to 40% by weight and the component (b) is present in an amount of from 0.1 to 3% by weight, based on the total weight of the cylinder oil, wherein the acid-neutralizing promoter comprises a succinimide component obtainable by reacting diethylene triamine having a resulting carbon/nitrogen weight ratio of 1.14 with a succinic acid compound of the following general formula (I) or (II) in a molar ratio to the polyamine of from 0.95 to 1.40:



wherein R represents an alkenyl or alkyl group derived from an olefinic polymer having a carbon number of from 2 to 15 and having a number-average molecular weight of from 700 to 2,300.

Claims 8-15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein the molar ratio to the polyamine is about 1.

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Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 7, wherein the molar ratio to the polyamine is about 1.